Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A method of operating a retail terminal comprising the steps of:

placing items of a type of items to be weighed on a scale of the retail terminal;

scanning one item of the type of items via a scanner of the retail terminal;

obtaining a first weight measurement of the items of the type of items on the scale upon successful scanning of the one item of the type of items; and

obtaining a second weight measurement of the items of the type of items on the same scale utilized in the obtaining a first weight measurement step upon actuation of a trigger.

Claim 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein actuation of a trigger comprises sensing a change of weight on the scale.

Claim 3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein actuation of a trigger comprises user-actuation of an actuator.

Claim 4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein actuation of a trigger comprises user-actuation of an actuator comprising a key of the retail terminal.

Claim 5. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

initiating a timer after the step of obtaining a first weight measurement, the timer having a time duration; and

wherein the step of obtaining a second weight measurement upon actuation of a trigger includes obtaining a second weight measurement upon the actuation of a trigger or the timer reaching the time duration.

Claim 6. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

providing an indication if the second weight measurement has been successfully obtained.

Claim 7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of providing an indication includes providing one of an audio indication and a visual indication.

Claim 8. (currently amended) A retail terminal comprising:

a processor;

memory in communication with said processor and containing program instructions operative to control said processor;

a scale in communication with said processor; and

a scanner in communication with said processor;

said scale operative to obtain a first weight measurement of items of a type of items placed on said scale;

said scanner operative to obtain machine-readable data from one of the items of the type of items; and

said scale further operative to obtain a second weight measurement of the items of the type of items on said scale upon receipt of a trigger signal.

Claim 9. (original) The retail terminal of claim 8, wherein said trigger signal is generated by said scale sensing a change of weight.

Claim 10. (original) The retail terminal of claim 8, wherein said trigger signal is generated by user-actuation of a trigger.

Claim 11. (original) The retail terminal of claim 8, wherein:

said processor is operative to initiate a timer after said scale obtains the first weight measurement, the timer having a time duration; and

said scale is further operative to obtain a second weight measurement of the items on said scale upon the scale receiving a trigger signal or the timer reaching the time duration.

Claim 12. (original) The retail terminal of claim 11, further comprising:

an indicator in communication with said processor, said indicator operative to provide an indication of a successful attainment of said second weight measurement by said scale.

Claim 13. (original) The retail terminal of claim 12, wherein said indicator comprises one of an audio device and a video device.

Claim 14. (currently amended) A checkout system comprising:

a processor;

a scale in communication with said processor and operative to obtain weight measurement of items placed on said scale;

a scanner in communication with said processor and operative to read bar codes; and

memory in communication with said processor and containing program instructions which, when executed by said processor, causes said processor to:

obtain a first weight measurement from said scale of items of a type of items placed on said scale;

obtain a bar code associated with one of said items of the items of the type of items from said scanner; and

obtain a second weight measurement from said same scale of items of the type of items placed on said scale upon actuation of a trigger.

Claim 15. (original) The checkout system of claim 14, wherein said trigger comprises sensing a weight change by said scale.

Claim 16. (original) The checkout system of claim 14, wherein said trigger comprises a user-actuated actuator.

Claim 17. (original) The checkout system of claim 14, wherein said memory has further program instructions which, when executed by said processor, causes said processor further to:

initiate a timer after said processor obtains a first weight measurement, the timer having a time duration; and

obtain a second weight measurement from said scale of the items placed on said scale upon actuation of a trigger or said timer reaching said time duration.

Claim 18. (original) The checkout system of claim 14, further comprising:

an indicator in communication with said processor, said indicator operative to provide an indication of a successful attainment of said second weight measurement by said scale.

Claim 19. (original) The checkout system of claim 18, wherein said indicator comprises one of an audio device and a video device.